



Update on Public Health and In-Person Learning

Berkeley Unified School District

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TOPICS

1. Health Update
2. Alameda County Department of Public Health Elementary Waiver Application
3. In-Person Cohorted Support

County risk level

New cases

Positive tests

WIDESPREAD

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed

More than 7

daily new cases (per 100k)

More than 8%

Positive tests

SUBSTANTIAL

Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed

4 - 7

daily new cases (per 100k)

5 - 8%

Positive tests

MODERATE

Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

1 - 3.9

daily new cases (per 100k)

2 - 4.9%

Positive tests

MINIMAL

Most indoor business operations are open with modifications

Less than 1

daily new cases (per 100k)

Less than 2%

Positive tests

Alameda

WIDESPREAD

Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed. [Understand the data.](#)

Counties can restrict further. Check your [county's website.](#)

Schools

Schools may not reopen fully for in-person instruction until the county has been in the Substantial (Red) Tier for two weeks. Local school and health officials [may decide to open elementary schools](#), and school officials [may decide to conduct in-person instruction](#) for a limited set of students in small cohorts.

County	Case Rate Used for Tier	Testing Positivity %	Tier as of 9/15	# Weeks in Current Tier	# of Weeks Meeting Criteria for Lower Tier
Alameda	5.6	3.4	1	2	1

ACDPH Elementary Waiver Application

BUSD completed the first step of the elementary waiver application process - the "In Person Learning Questionnaire". We indicated our interest in both options for school reopening:

1. Elementary Waiver
2. Targeted, Cohort-Based Support for Vulnerable Learners

We received the elementary waiver application on Thursday, September 10. It was originally due on September 18, and this deadline has been extended for public school districts to October 2.

The waiver application has 54 elements for districts to complete.

ACDPH Waiver Elements - BUSD's Current State of Readiness

(Item Number) Requirement - DATE OF COMPLETION

(25) Labor Organization Consultation - ONGOING

(27) Parent and Community Organization Consultation - ONGOING

(29) School District Reopening Plan - TBD

(30) Cleaning and Disinfection Protocols - DONE

(30) Ventilation

- Portable HEPA Filters - ON ORDER*

- Air Filter Upgrades (if possible) - DONE*

(34) Physical Distancing - DONE

(36) Entrance, Egress, and Movement - ONGOING SITE ASSESSMENTS; Nov 15

(38) Face Coverings - DONE

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(Item Number) Requirement - DATE OF COMPLETION

(40) Health Screening (Frontline Software) - MID-OCTOBER

(42) Handwashing Stations and Sanitizer

- *Sanitizer - DONE*
- *Handwashing Design - October 21*
- *Handwashing Construction - MARCH, if approved*
- *Touchless Faucets - 75% completed, OCTOBER 15*

(43) Identification and Tracing of Contacts - MID-OCTOBER

(46) Staff Training - TBD

(48) Testing of Staff - TBD

(52) Contact Communications Plans - TBD

There are two key considerations with respect to the elementary waiver:

1. Community Health Conditions
2. District Readiness

Ongoing Discussions with CoB Public Health for In-Person Cohorted Supports

1. Mandatory Assessments (Special Education, English Language Learners, Section 504 accommodations, interventions)
2. Targeted, Specialized Support (Special Education, intervention, and other vulnerable populations)*
3. PreK and Elementary Child Care (“Hubs” or “Ed Camp”)
4. Youth Activities - Sports Conditioning, Internships, Poll Workers

How BUSD Will Move Forward in Each of These Areas

As state and local guidance is adjusted:

1. Consultation with our Local Health Authority
2. Engagement with Labor Partners
3. Close Assessment of BUSD's Health Practices
4. Communication with Staff
5. Staff and Administrator Training
6. School Recommendations of Students
7. Small, Careful Pilot Efforts

We'll continue to offer updates
as these plans progress